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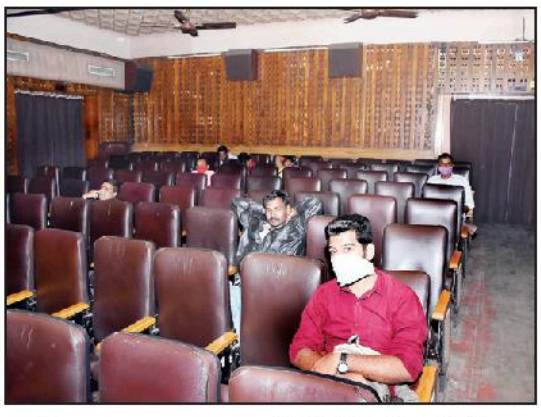
City theatres open for 100% occupancy

- No food inside cinema halls; masks, double dose vaccination mandatory
- Swimming pools and gyms too open fully; Kukkarahalli Lake open for morning and evening walkers, says University of Mysore Registrar
- Choultry owners cry foul over continued curbs on number of guests



Though curbs were lifted, only a handful of movie-goers were seen at city theatres today.

Mysuru, Feb. 5 (RK&BCT)- The cinema fraternity has welcomed the Karnataka Government's move to allow movie theatres, gyms and swimming pools to open at 100 percent occupancy from Feb. 5 (today). Accordingly, movie-goers were welcomed with open arms for the morning and noon shows today, albeit with precautions.

Film industry has been demanding the Govt. to allow cinemas to operate with 100% capacity as the industry has incurred huge financial losses owing to pandemic-related restrictions. Earlier, hotels, pubs, bars and restaurants were allowed to operate at full capacity.

Gayatri Talkies owner M.R. Rajaram, who is also the Vice-President of Karnataka Film Exhibitors Federation, told *Star of Mysore* that the Government's decision would save the livelihood of thousands of people who are dependent on the cinema industry. "We have been abiding by all restrictions and precautions and we will continue to do so," he said.

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Cyber Police crack online fraud; victims get back money

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Mysuru, Feb. 5 (BCT)- Report cyber fraud in time and you might get your money back. Quick reporting and swift action by the sleuths from Cyber Economics and Narcotics crime (CEN) Police Station in Mysuru helped three victims of online cheating get their money back.

The Police managed to freeze the bank accounts of the culprits and retrieve the money. Though the money recovered is Rs. 75,000 in three cases, what is notable is the way the Police acted in cracking the cases.

Investigation into cyber fraud is extremely complex as fraudsters often operate from overseas. Secondly, the money is deposited by victims in various bank accounts, given by fraudsters, often in branches outside Karnataka.

Three victims had lodged complaints that they had been cheated by fraudsters and their money had been transferred to bank accounts in different parts of the country. While Rajinikanth from Choranahalli lost Rs. 44,000 from his credit card, Sohan Jain from J.P. Nagar lost Rs. 6,000 to a fraudster who promised him a job.

(See CYBER on page 6)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 5th February 2022

Elected to District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Taluk Units

Mysuru, Feb. 5- The following have been elected to the Executive Committee of Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat and as Presidents of Taluk Units of the Parishat:

Ranganath Mysore and Beluru Chandrashekar - **Secretaries;** G. Prakash - **Treasurer;** M.B. Santosh - **Representative of Organisations;** Sheela Anantharaj - **Women's Representative** and S.P. Ningaraju - **SC Representative.**

Presidents of Taluk Units: A.C. Manjunath (Mysuru taluk); Puttaswamy (T. Narasipur); J. Latha Muddumohan (Nanjangud); H.K. Mahadeva (Hunsur); Dindima Shankar (K.R. Nagar); H.S. Pramod (H.D. Kote); Kendagannaswamy (Saragur); S.K. Madhuchandra (Saligrama) and Naveen Kumar (Periyapatna). Maddikere Gopal was elected as the President of Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat in the polls held on Nov. 21, 2021. For details, contact Mob: 98447-68662.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Today, the world tourism community stands at the cusp of change. Where on one hand the pandemic has pushed the community to rethink travel and alleviate the economic stress, on the other hand, climate change is forcing us to turn towards sustainability. Moving beyond just sustainability, the fraternity is abuzz with concepts such as transformational, positive impact and regenerative tourism. We are witnessing a paradigm shift from an industrial model to a more interdependent, community-oriented and mutually beneficial ecosystem. At this juncture, India has an edge over the world because of our rich cultural heritage and traditional knowledge thriving in our hinterlands. We are now ready to unleash this potential and enlighten our younger generation to the treasure that we hold and also the world at large looking for destinations off the beaten track.

However, with more than 160 crore vaccination doses administered, a strengthening of medical infrastructure and a recession of the Omicron variant, there could be an opportunity for travel to resume in 2022 itself. A journey to the rural hinterland to explore the magnificent offerings of our villages could be a worthy resumption to travel. Prospective travellers looking forward to explore this incredible rural India could be well served using this verse from the Aitareya Brahmana of the Rigveda for inspiration: "The feet of the wanderer are like the flower, his soul is growing and reaping the fruit; and all his sins are destroyed by his fatigues in wandering. Therefore, wander!"

— *G. Kishan Reddy in The New Indian Express*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Poultry fashion models with a fighting spirit

England: Because of their slender physique, incredibly long legs and upright pose, Modern Game Bantams are considered by many the fashion models of the poultry world, but few know that they also have a mean streak.

Modern Game chicken take their name from the 'old English game,' a chicken breed brought to the English Isles in the 1st century by the Romans. Bred exclusively for cock fighting, the old English game grew immensely popular over the century because, well, raising a chicken was relatively affordable, and cockfighting was a "sport" anyone could partake in. However, things changed in 1849, when cock fighting was officially banned in England, by order of the Queen. All of a sudden, the old English game was retired, and a new, modern variant took its place.

Tent on balcony for rent at 540 dollars a month

Zurich: People looking for an affordable housing in the Swiss city of Zurich can now opt for a two-person tent on an open balcony offering "a view of the starry evening sky" for just 500 Swiss francs (540 dollars) a month.

Finding a cheap place to rent in Zurich is almost impossible these days, because of the city's competitive property market, so one resourceful tenant decided to subsidize her own monthly rent by subletting the balcony of her apartment on the open market.

The offer includes a waterproof tent complete with an insulating mat, mattress and pillows, as well as access to the apartment's kitchen, living room and bathroom. Believe it or not, the woman, known only as Sandra, has already got good response to the ad she posted earlier this month.

HEALTH CAPSULE

You Are What You Eat: Choose Foods that Boost Immunity and Fight Infection

Eating a balanced diet, getting enough sleep, and exercising daily are important for your overall health and wellness.

By Kavya J - Department of Nutrition & Dietetics
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

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Admission for Astrology classes at BVB

Mysuru, Feb. 5- Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru, in collaboration with Bharathiya Jyothisha Samsthana, Bengaluru affiliated to Karnataka Sanskrit University, Bengaluru, is conducting the following courses: Jyothisha Pravesha, Jyothisha Pragnya amd Jyothisha Acharya.

Short-term courses are also offered in Vastu, Palmistry and Numerology. The courses are conducted by team of academically qualified and experienced teachers who are rendering their services for more than a decade.

Successfully completed students of Jyothisha from this organisation are also eligible to appear for MA examinations in astrology of Karnataka Sanskrit University, Bengaluru.

These courses are conducted on Sundays at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, CA 14, Vijayanagar, I Stage, Mysuru-570017 between 10.30 am and 2 pm. The courses start from Feb.13.

For details contact R. Nanjundaiah on Mob: 98451-74994 or Sunil on Mob: 99866-16264 or Kaverappa on Mob: 81052-51633, according to a press release from Sudhindra Raj, Administrator, BVB, Mysuru.

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1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.32
1 Euro	= Rs. 85.46

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	FEBRUARY 3	FEBRUARY 4
Day's Positive Cases	706	944
Total Positive Cases	2,24,662	2,25,606
Day's Discharges	2,078	1,969
Total Discharges	2,15,391	2,17,360
Day's Deaths	5	10
Total Deaths	2,512	2,522
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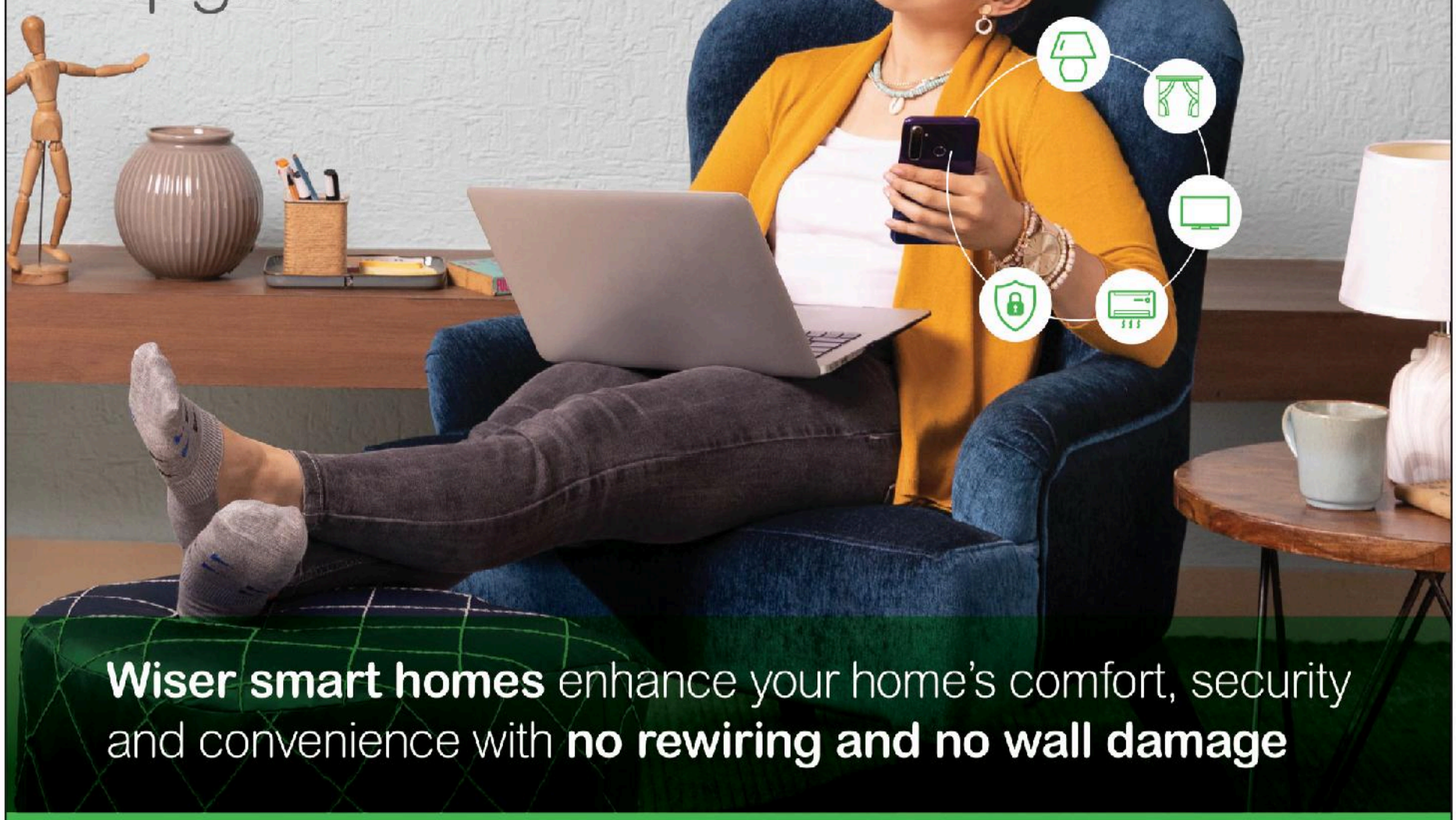

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NEWS BRIEFS

Tyagaraja Aradhana: Goshti Gayana

Ganabharathi, on the occasion of annual Tyagaraja Aradhana Festival, conducts Goshti Gayana of the Pancharatna Kritis of Saint Tyagaraja at Veene Seshanna Bhavana in Kuvempunagar on Feb. 6 at 11 am. Due to the pandemic, the whole event would be attended by a limited number of artistes. For details, contact Mob: 94480-51564.

Sri Savita Maharshi Jayanti

Department of Kannada and Culture has organised Sri Savita Maharshi Jayanti at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira on Feb. 8 at 11 am, according to a press release from Kannada and Culture Assistant Director H. Channappa.

Rural Rehab Workers recruitment

Women and Child Development Department and the Department of Empowerment of Senior Citizens and Differently Abled Persons have invited applications for the post of Rural Rehabilitation Workers lying vacant in Yadakola and Vajamangala Gram Panchayat limits. The appointment will be on honorarium basis. Interested disabled candidates can obtain the prescribed applications and submit the filled-in forms before Feb. 18, according to a press release from the District Disabled Welfare Officer.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
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Outflow	:	1,190 cusecs

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Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
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Inflow	:	195 cusecs
Outflow	:	400 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,856.80 feet
Inflow	:	154 cusecs
Outflow	:	50 cusecs

Sports Minister inaugurates Mysuru District Wrestling Association

Mysuru, Feb. 5 (GA&DM)- Observing that though the word 'match-fixing' is more referred to cricket in India, Sports Minister K.C. Narayanagowda maintained that there is nothing like 'match-fixing' in wrestling as no wrestler would compromise.

He was speaking after inaugurating Mysuru District Wrestling Association at Dattagalli here on Friday.

Noting that it is happy to note that a Wrestling Association has been formed in old Mysuru region, Narayanagowda assured of all help if the Association submits a list of requirements and facilities including construction of a 'Garadi Mane.' Contending that there is no match-fixing in wrestling bouts, he said he learnt that there is lack of trained wrestling coaches in the State.

Asking the wrestlers to choose senior and achiever wrestlers as coaches, the Minister said that he wanted to see Mysuru hosting a major wrestling event.

Stating that he had sought the Sports Ministry from the Chief Minister, he said that he is happy to be the Minister for Sports.

Sports Minister K.C. Narayanagowda, who inaugurated Mysuru District Wrestling Association at Dattagalli on Friday, is seen with MLA L. Nagendra, MCDCC Bank President G.D. Harish Gowda, former MLA M.K. Somashekar and others.

Maintaining that the Union Government, in its annual Budget presented on Tuesday last, has allocated a whopping Rs. 3,400 crore for the Sports Ministry, Narayanaowda said that perhaps this is for the first time that such a huge amount has been earmarked for sports.

Referring to Jakkur Flying Training School at Bengaluru, Narayanowda, recalling that the erstwhile Mysuru Maharajas had given 214 acres of land at Jakkur, said that he has started development works at the ground for the re-start of the Flying School, which was shut down a few years ago.

Stressing on the need for shunning differences among political leaders for promoting wrestling, Narayangowda said that there are plans for providing Health Insurance cover for wrestlers.

MLA L. Nagendra, MCDCC Bank President G.D. Harish Gowda, former MLA M.K. Somashekar, Corporator J. Gopi, Congress leader M.N. Naveenkumar, Basava Marga Foundation Founder S. Basavaraj, Mysuru District Wrestling Association President Pailwan Manjunath, Working President Pailwan Hemanthkumar Gowda and others were present.

16 parks in KR Assembly segment to be converted as theme-based parks

Mysuru, Feb. 5 (MTY&DM)- KR MLA S.A. Ramdas said that 16 parks in the Assembly segment will be converted as theme-based parks. Addressing a press meet at a private hotel here yesterday, Ramdas said that there are a total of 114 parks in KR Assembly constituency and these will be developed at a total cost of Rs. 24 crore in the first stage.

Pointing out that grants has been released and tenders will be invited shortly, he said that there are plans to take up crematoriums and burial grounds development and establishment of Day Care park for senior citizens at a cost of Rs. 25 crore in the second stage.

Noting that every park will have a distinctive building design, a toilet, a Yoga Mantapa, drinking water facility, CCTV camera, a security cabin, a Police chowki, gym equipment, children amusement facility etc., Ramdas said that the parks will also have a Music Therapy facility and weekend music and orchestra programmes.

Continuing, Ramdas said that the theme-based parks will feature the life of great saints and personalities such as Kanakadasa, Purandaradasa, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Prime Minister Modi, Women's Park, Akashvani Park, Children's Park, Science Park, Yoga, Sports Park etc.

KR MLA S.A. Ramdas addressing a press meet at a private hotel in city yesterday. He is flanked by MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev and Mayor Sunanda Palanetra.

Also, a Harmony Park will be constructed in memory of the padayatras taken out by late Pejawar Mutt Seer Sri Vishwesha Theertha Swamiji and Sri Madara Channaiah Swamiji in Mysuru.

Besides the statues of the two Seers will be installed in the park, he said adding that the Sports Park will propagate desi games. The Science Park will feature the contributions made by Indian scientists to the world and the life and times of great Indian scientists such as Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, J.C. Bose and C.V. Raman. The Children's Park will feature career options, the right path to achieve success in the chosen field and life values, among other things.

Akashvani theme-based park will focus on India's contribution to the world, the journey of radio, the life of Dr. M.V. Gopalaswamy etc., Dr. Ambedkar theme-based park will feature the life and times of Dr. Ambedkar, who is regarded as the 'Father of the Indian Constitution,' a statue of Buddha, an LED screen to display documentaries on Dr. Ambedkar etc.

Modi development theme-based park will feature the story on how Narendra Modi, a tea vendor from Gujarat rose to become the Prime Minister of the country, details about various Central Government schemes, programmes, plans, projects, initiatives, schemes etc., introduced by Modi, a replica of Railways etc.

The Senior Citizens Day Care Park will take care of senior citizens from 9 am till 6 pm every day. The park will focus on healthcare of senior citizens, Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat scheme, an indoor sports facility, a library, supply of tea/coffee and afternoon meals to senior citizens etc.

Replying to a query on a Supreme Court ruling which said that spaces in parks should not be utilised for construction of buildings, the MLA said that the SC ruling will be honoured and buildings will come up in less than 5 percent of the space available. School children would be taken to one theme-based park every Saturday, he added.

Referring to development of crematoriums, Ramdas said that there are 14 crematoriums and burial grounds in KR Assembly segment and there are plans to develop all of them in accordance with the religions they are attached to. Also there are plans to issue death certificates and distribute last rites financial aid to family members of the deceased at the crematoriums itself, he pointed out.

Mayor Sunanda Palanetra, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Corporators M.V. Ramprasad, Geetha Champaka and Chaya, leaders Vaneesh and Vadivelu were present at the press meet.

VOICE OF THE READER

Bane of driving on Ring Road

Sir,

The Ring Road built around Mysuru as four-lane double road with service roads on either sides has become parts of various National Highways — 275K, 275, 766 and 150A. As Mysuru has extensions developed beyond the Ring Road, the Ring Road has become an inner main road criss-crossed with many other main roads and smaller roads leading to extensions on either side.

Since Ring Road is a double road with broad median in between and well-asphalted, it has been a tempting road for high speed driving resulting in very many accidents at crossings.

To bring down the speed and accidents, Mysuru Traffic Police have placed barricades at various crossing points. But most of the motorists do not follow traffic rules of slowing down, non-overtaking and understand the hazard light indicators shown by vehicles in front, when approaching the barricades. The barricades are also not properly placed or do not have reflector stickers, which make it very difficult to negotiate them in the dark of night as most part of the Ring Road is not lit up with street lamps, which again is result of tussle between MUDA and NHAI. Even though it may be costlier, signal lights are to be not only installed but made operational at all crosses on Ring Road.

—B.G. Balaji

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By K.B. Ganapathy

of mice and men

Pipe Dreams

The war of words about two basic domestic needs of Mysureans seems to lead nowhere. Paradoxically, it is between the local BJP honchos and **NOT** the JD(S) or the Congress. It seems like an internecine war of Mughals — between MLAs of BJP and BJP MP. Strange in a democracy. A house thus divided cannot stand.

Pratap Simha

Is the delegation of power to implement the project either by the Centre or the State flawed? If so, it must be corrected at the administrative level by the respective Governments.

If the piped gas project is financed by the Central Government and the implementing authority is the State Government and the State Government faults or fails as in this case in Mysuru, the Centre should take away the project from the State Government and hand it over to the Central PWD (if there is Constitutional provision). If there is no such provision, amend the Constitution to end this kind of impediments from the local MLAs which may happen in any city in our country — remember the State subject, Central subject and the concurrent subjects under the Constitution?

According to reports, the JUSCO project to provide piped water got stalled because of the same silly reason and the contractor, disgusted, left midway leaving the MCC high and dry to repair all the damaged roads. What kind of people's representatives we have at the local level? Service before self or self before service to tax-payer? A course-correction in our administration is urgently needed.

Centenarian

Recently one Allaranda M. Kuttappa died aged 104 in city. *Star of Mysore* took the obituary on front page as deservedly too. If a fluke century by a cricketer can adorn the front page, why not of a person who hit 104 and then kicks the proverbial bucket?

Kuttappa

Like the clichéd question all journalists ask in such cases, I too asked his daughter who was with him when his 'breath became air,' "Madam what do you think is the secret of his longevity? Another 16 years he would have completed the lifespan of a human being given in our vedas, 120 years."

She giggles over cell phone. "He lived a good life in an European tea plantation at Ooty. Moustached, trimmed beard, hat, boot, a motorbike and good bungalow. Good life. After retirement, he settled in Mysuru. Had even tattoos for those days on both his hands of Hindu divinities. Ate well, non-vegetarian, drank modestly, smoked cigarettes like chimney, worked in his six acres of farm land at Martikyathanahalli, off Gaddige Road."

Yes, I remember I too had two acres land there close to the main Gaddige Road. I had seen him going to or returning from the farm in front of my land on a two-wheeler, quite old.

MLA late H.S. Shankaralinge Gowda (then Corporator) introduced him as my *Jaatwala* — a Kodava. We had a brief chat. He said his daughter was in Dubai and he was managing her farm etc.

He and his wife lived in their own house in Bannimantap, 2nd parallel road to Nelson Mandela Road with wonderful neighbours. He never went to hospital as in-patient. Rarely fell sick except in his late 80s or 90s. But smoked stealthily after a sumptuous non-veg meal.

He was physically active till about four years ago. A voracious reader of *Star of Mysore* and *Deccan Herald* — cover to cover without glasses. His father, grandfather too lived long. Genetics sir genetics!!

Man of very few words. Good husband, good father and a good neighbour. No wonder his neighbours brought so much of flowers early in the morning that his daughter had to request them not to bring any more flowers. They also sent vegetarian biryani for the mourners and offered any help needed.

This was the man who was nobody's hero, but lived on his own terms and died in total peace. His wife died a few years ago. But there was his daughter by his side when he followed his wife. RIP Kuttappa.

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Theatres open for 100% occupancy

(Continued from page 1)

In Mysuru, the single-screen theatres had suspended shows following the earlier 50 percent rule while a couple of them including Shanthala Theatre, Sri Nagaraj and Lakshmi Theatre were closed permanently.

"Lifting of restrictions will also enable producers to release new movies and already, film release schedules have been drawn up. Without new movies, it will be difficult to hold the audience's interest. We hope that things will look up for the industry in the coming days," Rajaram said.

Along with the single-screen theatres, even multiplexes too opened today for 100 percent occupancy. Though the single-screens had suspended operations, multiplexes continued to operate under the 50 percent rule. From today, there is 100 percent occupancy.

Theatre owners will have to follow certain guidelines that include ensuring that masks are worn by everyone at the theatre. Food items such as snacks will be banned inside the theatres. To ensure compliance, officials will visit the theatres whenever they want. If the theatres are not following this, action will be taken against them. To enter all these places, one must be vaccinated with both doses.

Swimming pools opened today after a long gap. Enough precautions were taken at the entrances before allowing the swimmers inside at the Saraswathipuram swimming pool owned by the University of Mysore. Likewise, swimming pools inside hotels, clubs, resorts and sports clubs too opened today.

Mysore University Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa told *Star of Mysore* that as the Government has relaxed more restrictions, walking will be allowed on the banks of Kukkarahalli Lake in the mornings and evenings. Till now, the gates of the walking tracks were closed. Now gates will be open on all days, he added.

Choultries want full freedom

Mysuru choultry owners have demanded full freedom to admit people to meet their full capacity. The Government has limited the entry to 200 (indoors) and 500 (outdoors) but has relaxed all other restrictions in all sectors. "This is unfair," said Mysuru Choultry Owners Association President Sathyanarayana.

"Choultry owners in Mysuru district have suffered huge losses and are under deep financial crisis. A majority of marriage parties have cancelled ceremonies scheduled at choultries and are performing in a simple manner at houses and temples. Nearly 15 choultries have been closed permanently. The Government must support our cause and lift restrictions," he said. Mysuru has over 85 choultries and 60 of them are within the city limits.

Cyber Police crack online fraud

(Continued from page 1)

Mahadevaswamy, a resident of Vijayanagar, complained that a conman polished off Rs. 25,000 after he shared the OTP (One Time Password) with the conman who convinced him to do so. The victims transferred the money to the fraudster accounts following which the accused switched off the phone. After several attempts to reach them, they complained to the Police.

Soon after receiving complaints, the Quick Response Team from CEN Police Station contacted the managers, nodal officers and legal team members of core banking of the banks to which the money had been transferred.

According to a press release from City Police Commissioner, the teams ensured that the accounts of the accused were frozen and the money was returned to the complainants.

The investigation was carried out by CEN Inspector Jayakumar and his team under the supervision of DCP (Law and Order) Pradeep Gunti.

Cases of online frauds, including phishing, lottery scams, job frauds and online matrimonial frauds where culprits target women through marriage portals, sale of exotic medicines for various ailments and hacking, have gone up in last few years.

City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta has appealed to public (in city limits) to file complaints with CEN Police Station if they are cheated by online fraudsters. They can contact the Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418598 or National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal (NCCRP) or toll-free number 155260.

Queen completes 70 yrs on throne tomorrow

London, Feb. 5 (UNI)- As Queen Elizabeth II completes her 70 years on throne, British-Israeli composer Loretta Kay-Feld has released a special music. According to *BBC,* Kay-Feld was contacted six months ago by the royal. "They asked me what music could I do for Her Majesty to celebrate her 70 years on the throne," she said, speaking from Raanana, Israel's Tel Aviv.

"I'm very fond of the Queen and I was absolutely thrilled to be asked, and I went about thinking how could I express her feelings of a life devoted to service to her people." For the music, she worked with award-winning Irish film director Jason Figgis, who had previously brought scores like '70 Years a Queen' and 'The Queen's Soliloquy' to video.

Queen would be completing her 70 years on throne on Sunday. She succeeded her father King George VI after his death on Feb. 6, 1952. She was crowned Elizabeth II on June 2, 1953.

Felicitation to R-Day NCC Cadets

Mysuru, Feb. 5- Nineteen NCC Cadets of Mysuru NCC Group participated in a month-long Republic Day Parade at New Delhi and have returned after a remarkable achievement.

NCC Alumni Association, Mysuru, in association with Mysuru Group NCC, has organised a felicitation programme for the Cadets at 11 am on Feb. 6 at Mysuru Group NCC Grounds near old DC office.

Ex-Cadets part of NCC Alumni Association Dr. Chandrashekar (Aditya Hospital), Arjun Ranga (NR Group) and Yamuna Srinidhi (Actor) and Mysore University VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar will be present on the occasion.

Cancer awareness, screening camp begins

MLAs Tanveer Sait, L. Nagendra and G.T. Devegowda jointly inaugurating a week-long cancer awareness and cancer screening camp at J.K. Grounds near the City Railway Station in city this morning. Picture right shows a section of audience.

Mysuru, Feb. 5 (RK&DM)- As part of World Cancer awareness day, the District Health and Family Welfare Department, in association with National Health Mission (NHM), District Surveillance Unit, District NCD Cell, MMC&RI, Bengaluru's Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, Apollo BGS Hospital, ClearMedi Radiant Hospital, Bharath Cancer Hospital and PHRI, Mysuru, launched a week-long cancer awareness and cancer screening camp at J.K. Grounds near the City Railway Station here this morning.

MLAs L. Nagendra, Tanveer Sait and G.T. Devegowda jointly inaugurated the event by lighting the lamp.

Speaking on the occasion, NR MLA Tanveer Sait said that cancer is a deadly disease that is taking out the lives of crores of people around the globe.

Pointing out that early detection followed by right treatment is key for curing cancer, he said that people must undergo regular check-ups in case they are found to be symptomatic of the deadly disease.

He noted that most of the cancer forms in men are oral cancer, lung cancer, food pipe cancer and intestinal cancer and in women, the most common forms are cervical cancer, oral cancer and breast cancer.

Pointing out that people must undergo immediate check-ups if they suffer from delayed healing of wounds, uncontrollable cough, change in voice, variations in excreta and urine discharge, difficulties in swallowing, painless lumps and other skin growths etc., Sait called upon the people to get sensitised on the symptoms of the deadly disease as early detection is very vital for the treatment of cancer. He called upon the people to utilise the week-long camp by undergoing screening and detection tests.

Maintaining that according to a survey conducted in 2018, about 22 lakh people suffered from various types of cancer in the country, he said that it is alarming to note that about 7 to 8 lakh people are getting added to this list every year. He lauded the District Administration and the Health Department for organising the programme, which is going to be hugely beneficial to the people, especially those from economically backward sections. This year, the theme for the World Cancer Day is 'Closing the care gap', he added.

Two Mobile Cancer Detection Units of Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology and a Mobile Mammography Screening Unit of the city's Bharath Cancer Hospital were also launched.

DHO Dr. K.H. Prasad, District Surveillance Officer Dr. T. Shivaprasad, Health Department Divisional Joint Director Dr. M.R. Udaykumar, NHM Mission Director Dr. Arundhati Chandrashekar, ZAK Chairman L.R. Mahadevaswamy, MyLAC Chairman N.V. Phaneesh and other Health Department officials were present. As a pre-launch event, a walkathon was organised yesterday (Feb. 4) in city.

On the first day today, over 400 people from different parts of the city and district underwent screening at the venue.

Tomorrow (Feb. 6), there will be seminar for Government Health Officials on 'Cancer.'

On Feb. 7, a cancer sensitisation programme and a documentary on cancer will be screened.

On Feb. 8, there will be group meetings of officials and Government staff on health and education.

On Feb. 9, there will be an interaction with cancer patients.

On Feb. 10, the concluding day, folk teams will take part in a public awareness rally.

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The Mobile Cancer Detection Unit of Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology in city.

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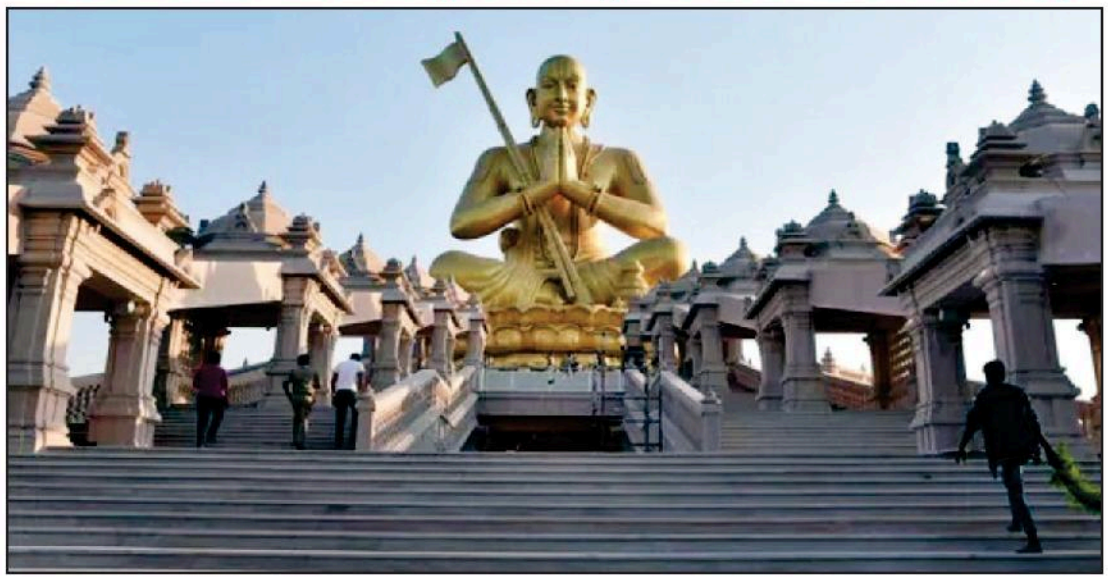
PM Narendra Modi to inaugurate 'Statue of Equality' this evening



New Delhi, Feb. 5 (UNI)- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Hyderabad today. During his visit, the PM will attend the 50th anniversary celebration of the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) in Patancheru, and later dedicate to the nation the 216-feet 'Statue of Equality.'

In a series of tweets, Modi wrote, "I look forward to being in Hyderabad today to take part in two programmes. At around 2:45 PM, I will join the 50th Anniversary celebrations of ICRISAT, an important institution that works on aspects relating to agriculture and innovation."

"At 5 PM, I will join the programme to inaugurate the 'Statue of Equality.' This is a fitting tribute to Sri Ramanujacharya, whose sacred thoughts and teachings inspire us," the PM said.

According to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), the 'Statue of Equality' commemorates the 11th century Bhakti Saint Ramanujacharya, who promoted the idea of equality in all aspects of living including faith, caste and creed.

The statue is made of 'panchaloha', a combination of five metals — gold, silver, copper, brass and zync — and is among one of the tallest metallic statues in sitting position, in the world.

During the programme, 3D presentation mapping on the life journey and teaching of Ramanujacharya will also be showcased, the PMO said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will also visit the identical recreations of 108 Divya Desams (ornately carved temples) that surround the statue, it added

Prasada Bimonthly Article Contest

Mysuru, Feb. 5 (SSM)- As part of Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Mahaswamiji's Jayanthi, JSS Mahavidyapeetha has organised Prasada bimonthly article writing competition.

PU, degree, post-graduate and polytechnic college students (2021-22) of Mysuru, Chamarajanagar, Mandya, Hassan and Kodagu districts can participate in the competition. The topic is 'Individual, Family and Social Relations'.

Candidates must write articles on their own and must be at least 6-8 pages that should be attested by authorities of their respective colleges along with photos. Only five articles from each college are accepted. The last date to submit the articles is Apr. 18.

The articles must be sent to the Director, Prasada bimonthly article writing competition, Publication Division, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Mysuru. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2548211 or 2548212, according to a press release.

Appointment of part-time Yoga trainers

Mysuru, Feb. 5 (ASC)- Under Ayushman Bharat Yojana, applications have been invited for the appointment of part-time yoga trainers for two posts — one male and one female — at three Arogya Kshema Kendras, developed by Ayushman Bharat Yojana for the candidates residing within the Mysuru District limits.

As the post is part-time, the candidates can serve only for a maximum period of 11 months. Selected candidates must conduct yoga classes for general public/members of public within allotted time given by the doctors of Ayush Arogya Kshema Kendra at the Centre. As per the instructions of Government of India, the first Yoga trainer should conduct 32 yoga lessons/classes per month while the second yoga trainer should hold 20 yoga classes per month.

Candidates, aged between 21 and 60 years, having a pass in Second PUC or equivalent along with the Certificate of Yoga Trainer issued by the Yoga Certification Board (YCB) or must have experience from any recognised/ reputed Yoga Institution. Local residents will be given preference. Applicants can obtain only one application from one of the clinics. Experience certificate should be mandatorily attached with the application form.

Candidates applying for the post of yoga trainers from Srirampura of Mysuru, Kempisiddanahundi of Nanjangud, Kodagalli of T. Narsipur Arogya Kshema Kendra may obtain the prescribed application forms within Feb. 7 from the District AYUSH Office located at Brindavan Extension, in city. Filled-in forms must be submitted by Feb. 15 through registered post, according to a press release.

Karnataka tableau wins second place at Delhi R-Day Parade

New Delhi, Feb. 5 (OSR)- Karnataka's tableau has been adjudged as the second best among 12 States and Union Territories which participated in the Republic Day Parade on Jan 26. The tableau of Uttar Pradesh was selected as the best tableau.

While the tableau of Uttar Pradesh was based on the theme 'One District One Product and Kashi Vishwanath Dham', the Karnataka tableau was titled 'Karnataka: The Cradle of Traditional Handicrafts'. The third position went to Meghalaya for its tableau on 'Meghalaya's 50 years of Statehood and its tribute to women-led cooperative societies & SHGs'.

This year for the first time, the general public were invited to vote for the best marching contingents and best tableaux in the popular choice category through the MyGov platform. The online poll was conducted between Jan. 25 and Jan. 31. Three panels of judges were appointed to assess the performance of the marching contingents.

It may be recalled here that *Star of Mysore* had published a report on Jan. 30 under the title *'Karnataka's Republic Day tableau steals the show - Artist Akmal Pasha of Rajivnagar and his 45-member team provide a magical touch'* where Akmal Pasha, a resident of Rajivnagar in Mysuru was featured. Akmal was hoping the tableau would bag first prize.

A proud moment for artist Akmal Pasha of Rajivnagar who gave his magical touch

Akmal, a retired employee of BEML, and his team gave shape to the Karnataka tableau that depicted State's cultural icons. A massive Asiatic elephant sculpted out of Mysuru rosewood with ivory inlay carvings, impressive Bidriware, bronze statues and lacquerware toys from Channapatna were the highlights of the tableau.

The tableau also featured Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay, the acclaimed freedom fighter from Karnataka, who is also hailed as the 'mother of traditional handicrafts in India'. She is seen offering 'bagina' that includes a sandal box, peacock shaped lamp pots, banana fibre bags from Sandur among others.

Ex-Corporator passes away

Mysuru, Feb. 5- Former Corporator N. Sunil (40) passed away last night at his residence on Ramanuja Road 12th Cross following a heart attack. He leaves behind his wife, a child and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds in Vidyaranyapuram here, according to family sources.

Funds released for Peripheral Cancer Centre in Mysuru

10-acre land on KRS Road sought; MMC&RI Governing Council will have to approve

Bengaluru / Mysuru, Feb. 5 (RK&BCT)- State-run Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology Cancer Research and Training Centre (KIMO), Bengaluru, has announced that the State Government has sanctioned three cancer detection buses with mammography, digital X-Ray, CT scan and auto analyser with gynaecology examination table for early detection of cancer.

"Ten mammography machines for 10 medical colleges for early detection of breast cancer have been sanctioned. Budget for Peripheral Cancer Centres (PCC) in Mysuru and Shivamogga has also been sanctioned. One more proposal to start a PCC in Hubballi has been submitted to the Government," said a press release from Kidwai.

It may be recalled here that in his 2021-22 Budget speech, the then Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, while announcing the commencement of emergency treatment units in Bengaluru, Mysuru, Ballari and Hubballi Institutes of Medical Science at a total expenditure of Rs. 5 crore, had also announced the setting up of Regional Cancer Treatment Centres in Mysuru and Shivamogga at a cost of Rs. 100 crore.

Yediyurappa had said that the centres would be set up on the lines of KIMO. Soon after the announcement, Kidwai Institute took up the works for the Mysuru Centre and the facility was proposed on the premises of the Super Speciality Hospital on KRS Road. The Institute has sought 10 acres on the premises of the hospital for this purpose and another 50 acres for the proposed Cancer Research Centre.

The Regional Cancer Centre was proposed to be a 350-bed hospital and all the facilities that are available at Kidwai Bengaluru were to be made available in Mysuru. The Mysuru Centre would cater to the needs of patients from Mysuru, Mandya, Chamarajanagar, Hassan and Kodagu.

In October last, Dr. C. Ramachandra, Director of KMIO, visited Mysuru and inspected the proposed site of Regional Centre.

MMC&RI Dean clarifies

Mysore Medical College and Research Institute Dean and Director Dr. H.N. Dinesh told *Star of Mysore* this morning that the Governing Council of MMC&RI, of which the Medical Education Minister is the Chairman, will have to clear the allocation of 10-acre land on KRS Road. "The Governing Council is expected to meet in Bengaluru this month end and the issue will be discussed and approved there," he added.

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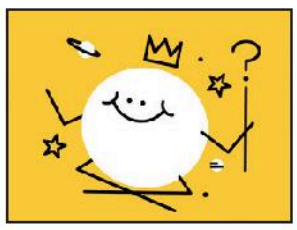
WORD OF THE DAY

Factoid



Pronunciation: FAK-toyd.
Meaning: A factoid is a brief and usually trivial fact.
Origin: We can thank Norman Mailer for factoid: he used the word in his 1973 book Marilyn (about Marilyn Monroe), and he is believed to be the coiner of the word. In the book, he explains that factoids are "facts which have no existence before appearing in a magazine or newspaper, creations which are not so much lies as a product to manipulate emotion in the Silent Majority." Mailer's use of the -oid suffix (which traces back to the ancient Greek word eidos, meaning "appearance" or "form") follows in the pattern of humanoid: just as a humanoid appears to be human but is not, a factoid appears to be factual but is not. The word has since evolved so that now it most often refers to things that decidedly are facts, just not ones that are significant.
Example: "A girls team from Silver Lake Regional High School has never won a state championship. The soccer program now stands just one win away from changing that factoid." — David Wolcott

THE ODD WORD

Fantigue

Anxiety or irritation.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Filthy rich

Meaning: The term 'Filthy Rich' was formerly used to discuss someone who was very wealthy, and who possibly became rich via unfair means. Today, the phrase's meaning has softened a bit, and it is often used to talk about someone who is extremely rich, even if they became wealthy by honest means.
Origin: Although the term 'filthy rich' can be traced back to a 16th century iteration, the exact phrase was first used during the 1920s, as illustrated in a 1929 edition of an Ohio newspaper called The Lima News in a story discussing the effects of the Great Depression, when many people were forced to sell their homes or starve: "There is a depressed market. If any of our stock-gambling filthy rich want a winter home, now is the time to acquire it."
Example: "The preacher and his wife moved into a mansion; suddenly, they're filthy rich."

QUOTE BOX

The richness of life lies in memories we have forgotten. **—Cesare Pavese**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer :Shop till you drop.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 In brief, sergeants & corporals
5 Second month in short
8 Merry old king
12 'Bye for now, monsieur (2,6)
14 Musical composition
15 Di Caprio of Hollywood
16 Not straight; crooked
17 Superlative suffix
18 A juicy fruit
20 Precise
23 Graven image
24 Killer whale
25 Expelled or ousted
28 Day after Fri.
29 Extends across - like a bridge, perhaps
30 Sheltered side
32 Pulling or tugging sharply
34 Group of families
35 Verdi opera
36 Lifting machine
37 Unit of weight in CGS units?
40 Colourful Japanese carp
41 Jewish family name
42 Cabinet member
47 Privy to (2,2)
48 Venerates or worships
49 Cherry variety
50 Milk producer
51 Religious body

DOWN

1 ___ Sarovar : bird sanctuary in Gujarat?
2 Hint
3 Spanish gold
4 Roman philosopher and statesman
5 Stronghold
6 Muslim festival
7 Sitting as a hen on eggs to hatch them
8 Blue metal?
9 Able to be entered
10 Respiratory organ
11 City in NE Italy famous for its ancient Roman ruins
13 Widespread
19 Hard-sounding birds!
20 Greek goddess of dawn
21 Diagnostic aid (1-3)
22 Legal doings
23 Ex-Mrs. Trump
25 Temporary prevalence of a disease
26 Jazz singer ___ Fitzgerald
27 College official
29 Read superficially
31 Vane directions ?
33 Nominating
34 Turning point?
36 Series of spirals
37 Not sincere
38 Italian painter Guido - "rine" anagram?
39 River of Shakespeare's Stratford
40 Perceive or be cognizant
43 Altar vow (1,2)
44 Mao ___ Tung
45 European Economic Community
46 Alphabet trio

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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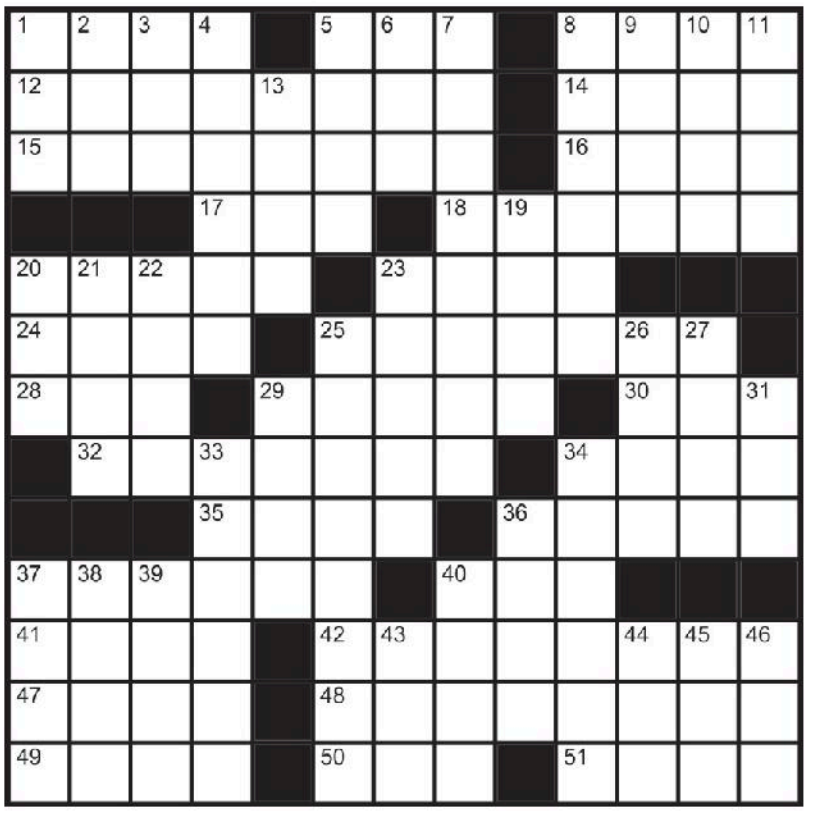

SUDOKU

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			8	2				1
		1						6

Answer to previous puzzle

8	5	4	1	2	9	7	6	3
2	1	6	3	8	7	5	4	9
7	3	9	6	4	5	1	2	8
4	2	5	9	6	3	8	1	7
9	8	3	4	7	1	6	5	2
1	6	7	8	5	2	9	3	4
6	4	2	5	9	8	3	7	1
3	7	8	2	1	6	4	9	5
5	9	1	7	3	4	2	8	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

S VI JDZBZ S VI CZEVQUZ S CZHSZRZ

SM VHH OYUUSCSHSLSZU.

TODAY'S CLUE: H EQUALS L

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I tasted too what was called the sweet of revenge - but it was transient, it expired even with the object, that provoked it.

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Spider-Man: No Way Home (3D-E)	(S-1)	4.45 pm
Badava Rascal (K)	(S-2)	10.45 am, 4.15 pm
Halli Haikla Pyate Lifu (K)	(S-2)	1.25 pm
Karnan Napolean Bhagat Singh (Ma)	(S-2)	7.00 pm
Jadagatta (K)	(S-3)	10.55 am
Yaaro (Ta)	(S-3)	1.45 pm
Hridayam (Ma)	(S-3)	7.00 pm
Operation 72 (K)	(S-3)	4.05 pm
Veeramae Vaagai Soodum (Ta)	(S-4)	11.10 am, 2.30 pm, 6.10 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — Ph: 2533444 / 2533456

Veeramae Vaagai Soodum (Ta)	(S-2)	3.55 pm
	(S-3)	11.00 am, 2.30 pm, 6.05 pm, 9.40 pm
Jadagatta (K)	(S-4)	2.45 pm
Super Sharanya (Ma)	(S-4)	9.05 pm
Halli Haikla Pyate Lifu (K)	(S-4)	5.55 pm
Hridayam (Ma)	(S-1)	2.50 pm
	(S-2)	7.30 pm
Spider-Man: No Way Home (3D-E)	(S-1)	11.30 am, 6.30 pm
83 (H)	(S-1)	9.50 pm (S-4) 11.10 am

PVR CINEMAS

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Veerame Vaagai Soodum (Ta)	:	11.30 am, 3.00 pm 6.30 pm, 10.00 pm
Yaaro (Ta)	:	12.30 pm
Badava Rascal (K)	:	1.00 pm
Jadaghatta(K)	:	2.35 pm
Scream (2022) (E)	:	3.50 pm
Super Sharanya (Ma)	:	5.35 pm
Spider-Man: No Way Home (E-3D)	:	6.25 pm
Athadu Ame Priyudu (Te)	:	9.00 pm
Hridayam (Ma)	:	9.35 pm

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Bangarraju (Te)	:	12.30 pm
Badava Rascal (K)	:	3.50 pm
Halli Haikla Pyate Lifu (K)	:	6.40 pm
Pushpa (K)	:	9.40 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Ombatthane Dikku (K)	(S-1)	10.45 am
	(S-4)	4.00 pm
		6.45 pm
DNA (K)	(S-1)	1.30 pm
		4.30 pm

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